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S. RES. 303

Expressing the sense of the Senate that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first Acadians in the American colonies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 12 (legislative day, JULY 10), 2002

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAUX) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in 1755, British troops expelled 6,000 Acadians from their home in Acadie, an area that is part of modern-day Nova Scotia, Canada, and many of these Acadians relocated to the American colonies;

Whereas this expulsion, known as the Grand Derangement, resulted in the dispersal of the Acadians and the spread of their French-Canadian culture throughout the American colonies;

Whereas, as a result of the Treaty of Paris in 1763, many Acadians migrated to Louisiana;

Whereas the unique Acadian culture had a strong influence on life in the American colonies;

Whereas, the 1990 census found that there were just under 700,000 people of Acadian ancestry in the United States, and the uniquely Acadian culture and traditions of this group continue to influence culture in the United States;

Whereas the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first Acadians in the United States occurs in 2005; and

Whereas a postage stamp would be an appropriate commemoration of this anniversary, would increase public awareness of the history of American prerevolutionary immigration, and would benefit the American public by giving recognition to a distinct and truly American subculture: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

3 It is the sense of the Senate that the Citizens' Stamp
4 Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster
5 General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued
6 in 2005 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the arrival
7 of the first Acadians in the American colonies in 1755.

8 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL TO CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COM-**
9 **MITTEE.**

10 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy
11 of this resolution to the chairperson of the Citizens' Stamp
12 Advisory Committee.

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